

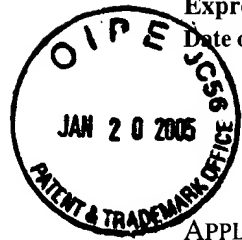
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2004, and in accordance with the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Applicants also submit herewith a Notice of Appeal.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.